



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 27, 2020
Confirmation Sunday

PRELUDE: All Glory Be to God on High
John Finney, organ

Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Jesus says we are salt of the earth, the light of the world.
Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.
Let us be who we are meant to be in Christ:
a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community,
a justice-making people, giving glory to God!
Let our worship this morning reflect this light!
May Christ's light shine through us!
Amen!**

HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #54

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory,
we confess that we have not sought your face.
We ignore the needs of the poor
and turn away from our own kin.
We allow the gospel to go stale,
and hide the light you have given.
Forgive us; give us grace.
By the renewing gifts of your Spirit,
inspire and empower us again
to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-16

HOMILY: "You Are the Light"

Anne Marie Holloway

HYMN: How Great Thou Art (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

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Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal, front supplement), #H-19

REFLECTIONS

Hills Church Confirmation Class of 2020

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King (Verses 1, 3, 4, & 5)

Lasst uns erfreuen

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal, front supplement) #H-20

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Prelude in C major

attrib. J. S. Bach

SPECIAL DEDICATION

Blessings upon the faith journeys of this year's Confirmation Class of 2020! We invite you to hold in prayer the following Hills Church teens, as they journey forward into the year ahead:

Ellie Bedard

Chris Bertolini

Will Bonnette

Mark Herlihy

Alivia Jiang

Kara Johnson

Ethan Kinney

Apple Li

Mac Munro

Kofi Poku

Sara Kate Smith

Ben Stavaridis


Anna Thomas

Preaching: Rev. Anne Marie Holloway



Liturgists: Mimi D'Angelo, Rev. Judy Swahnberg, Rev. Matthew Wooster

Soloists: Laurie Stewart Otten, Shannon Lebrón, Christian Figueroa, Garrett Murphy

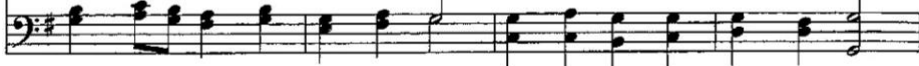

For the Beauty of the Earth




1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5. For each per-fect gift of thine un-to us so free-ly given,

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 grac-es, hu-man and di-vine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

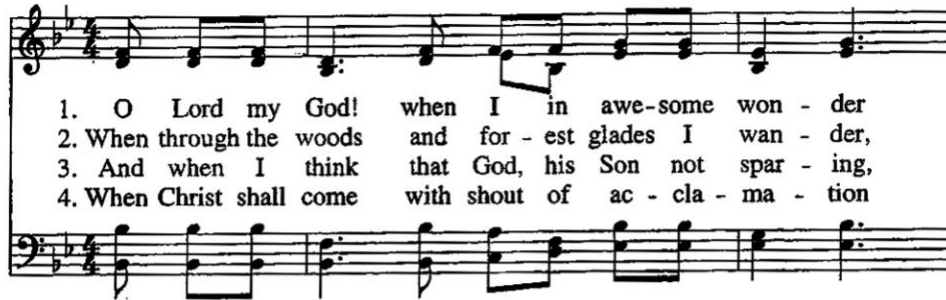
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.



WORDS: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

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Originally written as a joyful communion hymn, Pierpoint's text had as its refrain, 'Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.'



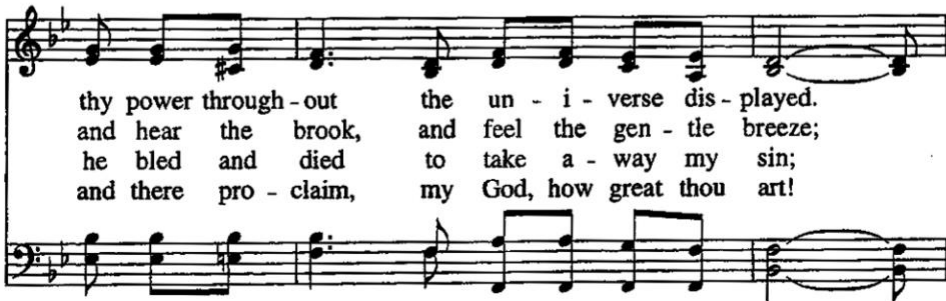
1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the works thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee;

How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; How great thou art! How great thou art!

O Lord, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
 you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
 and crowned them with glory and honor.

— Psalm 8:1-5 NRSV

H-20 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy Lord to
 4. All ye who are of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
 5. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with
 long, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter -
 part, O sing ye, Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and
 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther,

gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 ful and bright, that giv - est us both warmth and light, O praise him,
 sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care.
 praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in One.

O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. William H. Draper, 1855-1933, alt.
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623;
 harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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This hymn is based on St. Francis' 'Canticle of the Sun,'
 considered to be the first religious poem written in Italian.